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Introduction of the *Prevention and Oversight of Intelligence Sharing with Enemies (POISE) Act*
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Mr. Speaker, the President recently disclosed highly sensitive information to Russian officials, information that had been entrusted to the United States by an ally. This incident has generated concern among national security professionals.

Under current law, the President must keep the congressional intelligence committees informed of U.S. intelligence activities.

Building on this general mandate, I am filing a bill that would require the President to notify the intelligence committees when a U.S. official, including the President, intentionally or inadvertently discloses top-secret information to a nation that sponsors terrorism or, like Russia, is subject to U.S. sanctions.

My bill would deter unjustified disclosure of sensitive information to adversaries. It would also give the congressional intelligence committees an opportunity to examine the rationale for the disclosure, to assess any fallout, and to take appropriate action.

My bill would simply provide Congress with the same information that was made available to other nations.

I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will support this bill.